Smith's Report

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This report informs you of what I am doing personally to promote open debate on the Holocaust story. It does not attempt to monitor the Revisionist movement. **Smith's Report** is published monthly except August and December and is sent free to those of you who help me with contributions, information or in other ways. It isn't possible for me to do this work without your help.

I welcome correspondence but can not reply to it unless it urgently addresses business to hand. If you do not want your name mentioned herein please say so in writing. Your generosity is the cornerstone of whatever success I will have in helping to open up the Holocaust story to free inquiry and open debate.

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Friend;

I have to find a way to keep in regular touch with those of you who are interested in the work I'm doing. I've written three newsletters this year prior to this one and have published only one. That was a 14-page edition of SMITH'S LETTER. I mailed it in March, nine months ago. It was too long, cost too much to mail and was too much work. Sometimes it's hard for me to keep in mind that a newsletter is a place to put a little news, not a place to develop a series of literary anecdotes.

In June I trashed what was supposed to be the second issue of SMITH'S LETTER when I saw that once again I developing another literary tract. In September I at last took a rewritten version of SMITH'S LETTER to the printers and when I went back to pick up the finished job he hadn't done it but rather had produced a layout for a newsletter that was so professional looking compared to what I had given him that I decided to use his ideas and work with him.

After working out a simple, beautifully designed format of 20 pages, including a catalog, I was ready to go to print again a couple weeks ago. But now my designer/printer had his own problems and one delay followed another until I saw the light. I was at the point of getting into a publishing project that in all likelihood would make problems for me rather than solve them. One more example of adversity producing insight, which appears to be the one way I learn.

I was in trouble again. I have to maintain contact with those of you who believe I am doing worthwhile work and who want to support me. I have to do a newsletter that I can actually do, one that I can publish regularly and that I can afford to distribute free. I don't want the problems associated with subscription lists, renewals and so on. The newsletter should have a format that discourages my compulsion to write literary stories rather than news information. I'm working on a 600 - 700 page book manuscript and if I feel compelled to do literary stuff I should have enough sense to put it in the book, not try to force it into a newsletter.

Preferably the newsletter should be very simple, very inexpensive, and just large enough to give you the basic information you need to understand what I've done the preceding month to try to straighten out this bloody Holocaust story. It should tell you how to get additional information on those projects I'm working on that interest you.

Day before yesterday I was getting Mother out of bed when I heard her call my name, as if from a distance. I realized that I had stopped ministering to her and that I had been standing in the middle of the room gazing out her window toward the park across the street. I don't know how long I'd been standing there like that. From her bed Mother said: Bradley, what the hell are you doing? Bradley? When I heard her call I sort of came 'round, and I realized that the image of this little newsletter had come to me from -- somewhere -- and that what I had been gazing at wasn't the park across the street but, in my own mind's eye, the format to the pages you have in your hand.

Wish me luck. At doing newsletters, I'm no genius.

The Morton Downey Interview

In October I was in Washington D.C. to help with PR for the 10th International Revisionist Conference, held over the weekend of the 13th through the 15th. John Toland, the Pulitzer-Prize-winning historian, was the keynote speaker. Quite a feather in the bonnet of the IHR. But then any successful historian who is willing to say publicly, as John Toland did at the banquet on the 14th, that the majority of his professional peers are "ass kissers" is my kind of guy.

If you want a full rundown on the conference you can write IHR, 1822 1/2 Newport Blvd. #191, Costa Mesa CA 92627 and ask for their November '90 Newsletter.

On the 17th I took the train up to Fort Lee where I stayed with Fritz Berg. The evening of the 18th Fritz went with me to CNBC studios where I did the taping and Fritz monitored it from the audience. The Downey program is on Cable now, last one-half hour and is divided into three segments. I was told at the last minute I would have only two of the three segments. Downey wasted a lot of time at the beginning of the interview, but the first segment went well enough. During the commercial the audience began to get a little rowdy, I wasn't told when I came back on camera, Downey began to get intense and after a few moments he blew up, called me an "A-hole" and threw me off the show. I was taken a little aback. His Coordinator had assured me that "nobody is going to throw sand in your face."

Fritz didn't like the way Downey behaved with me so he caused a scene from the audience and when Downey couldn't yell him down he had Fritz thrown out of the audience. So Morton Downey made a clean sweep of the Revisionists on 19 October 1990. Afterwards Fritz was very happy. It looked to me like he enjoyed the action.

I have a video of the interview. The rowdiness is edited out but the interview itself is largely intact. I also have an audio cassette of a warm-up session with Fritz and how we talked it over when we were back at his house. There were half a dozen of us. It was like a little party, and that's the way it sounds.

Death of a Friend

While I was in Washington D.C. for the Revisocon I received a telephone message from a mutual friend informing me that David McCalden had died of Aids. David was in on the founding of the Institute for Historical Review and afterwards published the important and relentless and oftentimes vicious David McCalden Newsletter, which he used for years to monitor the Revisionist movement. He was a skilled journalist, he was very smart, had a highly-trained memory, and he was an outsider in almost every way and a compulsive radical. The (willfully) ignorant obituaries that identified him with the political right couldn't have been more off the truth. If he was anything at all politically or intellectually, he was an anarchist.

David had been sick a long time, I thought I knew what was wrong and what was going to happen, but because I wasn't sure about it was still shocking. I hadn't expected that the news of his death would move me to tears.

I had serious arguments with David over many years about many things, but largely about his compulsion to make <u>ad hominem attacks against individuals that to me were inexcusable.</u> His writing, and his influence among Revisionists and among Jews particularly suffered severely because of it. There was something to his character that prohibited him from understanding why the victims of his attacks, and he could make very crazy charges sometimes, were unable not to be personally offended by them.

In person he was unfailingly good company. He was very smart and very well informed, he was always in good humor and ready for a laugh, and he was a stalwart beer drinker. His preferred glass was the Irish-brewed Harp. No one in the movement has been more generous with his knowledge and information. Even when he was dying, as it turns out, he kept me informed of matters he knew were of interest to me, sent me clippings, called to say that he liked something I had written for the media.

Over the last couple months David began to thank me for the occasional phone call I would make to him. I didn't know his death was so near but now I suppose that he did. In all the time he suffered through his dying I never heard him complain about his fate and I never detected a note of self-pity in anything he ever said to me.

I can recall all David's failings and all the reasons I have had to be angry with him, but what I recall most clearly is that from the beginning to the end, he was my friend.

Today in the mail I got an envelope with no return address, post-marked Los Angeles. Inside was a photocopy of the 25 October L.A. Times obituary headlined: "David McCalden: Failed to Disprove the Holocaust." To one side of the obituary, which contained the usual misinformation, written in pencil, are the words:

"Well, that's one down!
Love and kisses.
No pun intended."

Another Holocaust Conference

The State of Nevada is preparing to host an "International Conference On the Holocaust" in 1991. The State has created an "advisory council on education relating to the Holocaust" and has set aside $50,000 as initial funding.

Judith Schuchmann, a resident of the Lake Tahoe/Reno area is monitoring preparations for the event. We've talked about my going up there to speak. If you can help with information, ideas, or in any other way, please contact: Judith Schuchmann, PO Box 1042, Carnelian Bay, CA 95711.

National Coalition Against Censorship

Children's author Judy Bloom has lent her name to NCAC's most recent fund and membership drive. NCAC is up in arms over the institutional censorship of such books as Catcher in the Rye, Webster's Ninth Collegiate Dictionary, and a dramatic production of Steinbeck's Of Mice and Men. NCAC is also involved in the dispute over public tax funding for The National Endowment for the Arts. Authors Kurt Vonnegut and Betty Friedan, actress Colleen Dewhurst and others are featured in NCAC's literature. There is a good deal of Christian Fundamentalist-bashing.

Because we are concerned about these things too, Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust has sent in the membership fee to join NCAC. Once we are accepted we have two very interesting documents involving open and shut censorship cases at Penn State University and Stanford. These documents demonstrate that access to Revisionist literature on the Holocaust is denied to students on those two campuses. The Penn State file goes to 40 pages. The Stanford file is half a dozen pages.

I have also joined the Free Press Association, whose membership is largely libertarian.

The Media Project

On 13 November I sent off the latest of my mass-mailings to radio and TV talk shows around the country. The package included a 2-page flyer on "Re-writing the Holocaust Story," my pamphlet "The Case for Teaching Holocaust Revisionism in Our Colleges and High Schools," and Mark Weber's pamphlet "The Holocaust: Let's Hear Both Sides. I'm a little behind with this one. My last interview was the 18 November Morton Downy Show.

A Missed Opportunity

I had made preparations to attend the Illinois regional conference of the National Association for College Activities (NACA) during November 15-18. NACA conferences are attended by college buyers searching for entertainers and lecturers, and by those like myself who want to line up paid engagements before campus audiences. But on the morning of October 10, while I was driving up Highway 99 toward the Fresno airport, the motor on my little 1981 Mazda 626 blew a head gasket and left me stranded in the pre-dawn darkness in the middle of the San Joaquin Valley.

The upshot was that while I continued on my way to the 10th International Revisionist Conference in Washington, my wife had to have the car towed 40 miles back to Visalia and I have got a $2,000 bill to pay for a "new" used motor for the Mazda. When the head gasket blew the block heated up almost instantly. Motors blocks are made mostly of aluminum these days, so it melted and fused, or so I'm told at my trusty garage.

In any event, I could either give up the Illinois NACA conference or I could give up having a car for

six months or so. When you have a four-year-old and an 89-year-old in the house, along with the rest of you, you don't think it is very wise to give up having the car. So I gave up the NACA conference.

This is only one of many opportunities I regularly miss to do Revisionist work because there isn't enough money to take care of business. I don't know if I would have been successful in contracting for speaking dates at the Illinois regional, but I do know, by not going, that I certainly won't.

Meanwhile, I have begun running an advertisement in NACA's expensively produced magazine "Programming." Programming goes to the 1,200 colleges that are members of NACA, where it is directed to the directors of Student Activities committees, which are responsible for contracting for speakers. The ad is headed: "THE HOLOCAUST: Let's Hear Both Sides." My mug shot follows, and beneath it: "The Historical Issue * The Intellectual Freedom Issue * The Moral Issue." That's followed by my name, and the address and telephone number of Committee For Open Debate on the Holocaust.

The Situation in Illinois

THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE now requires that all public school children be taught at least one unit of history on the Holocaust. In its amendment to the school code it defines what the Holocaust was, probably making it illegal for Illinois public school teachers to say otherwise. Perhaps a constitutional issue.

INGEBORG AND SAFFET SARICH refused to permit their daughter to attend a Holocaust study class in her Chicago suburb Junior High. The Sariches wrote a position paper and several open letters detailing their positions. They mailed thousands of copies of the papers to their neighbors, the media, PTA and local public school teachers. Sarich has been interviewed by radio, TV and the print press. One of his position papers has been printed complete by the **Northwestern University** bi-monthly "n magazine" The Northwestern Daily printed an article on the Sariches while the Northwestern Review has published a savage article on Dr. Arthur Butz, whose The Hoax of the Twentieth Century has been high-lighted by Saffet Sarich.

DR. ARTHUR BUTZ still instructs students at Northwestern in electrical engineering and computer sciences. Periodically since 1978, when his Hoax was first published in the U.S., Butz is savaged by one or another group of students and/or professors. No academic paper has been published at Northwestern or any place else to demonstrate that Butz is off the mark in what he has written.

FRED LEUCHTER, author of The Leuchter Report, which is the first scientific report ever published on the alleged gas chambers of Auschwitz, has been black-listed in the State of Illinois. Leuchter, who is considered to be the leading expert on gas chamber technology in the U.S., had a contract to supervise an execution in Illinois. When it was revealed that he had published a professional document claiming that the so-called gas chambers at Auschwitz were never used and never could have been used for the mass-gassings of human beings the State Department of Corrections refused to honor its contract. Illinois legislators, congressmen and spokesmen for the Holocaust Lobby involved themselves in the dispute.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR COLLEGE ACTIVITIES (NACA) is holding its regional conference in Peoria. This is the event I had to cancel out of. I had found a small lecture hall at **Northwestern** where I wanted to speak but I was told that I would have to provide the university with a $3-million liability insurance policy. Of course the cost was prohibitive.

I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE TRIED TO ORDER CASSETTE TAPES AND OTHER MATERIALS from me and have found it to be an almost impossible task. My stepdaughter, Irene Magali Pacheco Altamirano y Smith, has graduated from high school now and is helping me, at long last, get my records, orders and other paper work under control. Mailing lists, order records, manuscripts and so on are all being put into the computer and the mailing of this first issue of Smith's Report will be the first observable result of her work. I suspect that this is the first time, or the first time in a long while, that most of you have heard from me. I expect that to change from here on out.

The Campus Project

WINTER 1990/91: Northwestern University deserves our immediate and very serious attention. There is an opening there to promote open debate on the Holocaust that is so promising we can not afford to not take advantage of it. I want to pursue that opportunity with a series of actions that are simple, direct and comprehensive. Here is what I plan to do, with your support:

1) Place a one-column one-inch announcement in the Daily Northwestern offering access to Revisionist writings. The ad will look like the following, but will be typeset:

ARE THE GAS CHAMBER STORIES FALSE?
IS OPEN DEBATE SUPPRESSED?
For Information Contact:
Committee For Open Debate
On The Holocaust
PO Box 3267 Visalia CA 93278
Tel: (209) 733 2653

This little announcement works wonders. I know. I've had substantial experience in using it. It only has to run once a week, so it's not expensive. I've used it to get very good results at Penn State, USC, Stanford and other campuses. Students and professors both contract us for Revisionist literature. More important in the short run is that it lights a fire under those individuals and organizations on the campus whose mission it is to protect the orthodox Holocaust story from free inquiry at all costs. They have to either let the ad run, in which case Revisionist literature begins to seep all through the campus, or they have to kill the ad, in which case they create a censorship issue for themselves -- and for us.

2) Monitor the press at Northwestern and respond to articles on the Holocaust that appear there. Do the same for the Chicago Sun Times and the Tribune. The trick here is two-fold: if CODOH's response is published, all is well. If it isn't then we have to be prepared to send photocopies of the response to 100/150 student leaders and other VIPs on campus so that they all understand the issues at stake and how they are being stonewalled.

3) Use direct mail to solicit speaking engagements from recognized campus student organizations.

4) Use direct mail to focus on soliciting interviews with Chicago media, including TV, radio and the print press.

5) Identify supporters in the Chicago area who will volunteer to monitor the college press at other campuses, including University of Chicago, Chicago State, De Paul and Loyola. I have little doubt but that the Revisionist issue, or the Revisionist/censorship issue, will spill over onto some of these other campuses. It's too hot and to important a subject not to.

This means that what we do at Northwestern should be replicated, as the opportunities arise, at other major universities in the Chicago area.

6) None of the above is being proposed as a one-time effort. The process has to be repeated over again at each turn in the story as it develops on campus. While I can guarantee you a big important story at Northwestern around the Holocaust story, there is no way to predict the twists and turns it will take. We have to be flexible and ready for surprises.

COMPARING THE OPPORTUNITY AT NORTHWESTERN WITH THE VERY SUCCESSFUL EFFORT AT PENN STATE UNIVERSITY IN 1989/90. We started at Penn State by running the open debate announcement illustrated above and after eight weeks a Penn State professor went to the ADL, which sent a secret dossier on myself to the managing editor of the campus newspaper with the result that we were prohibited from running it any longer. I then started a campaign like the one I am putting in place Northwestern. Before we were through we had involved students, professors, the local community newspaper, Jewish organizations and even the president of Penn State in open debate about the Holocaust. Early this year the dean of the Penn State School of Communications wrote a letter to the community press claiming that no historian had ever stated that there were gas chambers at Dachau and no survivors had ever claimed to have seen them. I responded with six pages of data demonstrating that the dean

was wrong on both points and sent it to 220 student leaders and VIPs on the campus. From that day to this nothing more has been published on the Holocaust by either Penn State or the community newspapers. It was very interesting to see them give up so completely, and to simply shut down the debate that had developed.

NORTHWESTERN PRESENTS A VERY DIFFERENT SITUATION. While Penn State was geographically isolated and associated with one small town, Northwestern University is in the great metropolitan center of Chicago. There is major media of every kind to work with. There are a dozen other major colleges and universities in the area. There is an immense and ethnically disparate population.

WE CAN NOT BE SHUT OUT OF CHICAGO OR SHUT DOWN IN CHICAGO. Everything is in our favor. This can be very big. The Penn State file has 40 pages of extremely revealing published and unpublished correspondence (ask for a copy of it - it's very interesting). At Northwestern, in all likelihood, we will develop a file extending to hundreds of pages.

This is What We Want

* PROVIDE ACCESS TO REVISIONIST SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENTS AT NORTHWESTERN. We must have access, in turn, to the campus press there.
* PLACE REVISIONIST LITERATURE IN THE NORTHWESTERN RESEARCH LIBRARY AND THE CAMPUS BOOKSTORE.
* ARRANGE SPEAKING DATES FOR REVISIONIST SPEAKERS AT NORTHWESTERN
* ARRANGE FOR A PUBLIC DEBATE AT NORTHWESTERN BETWEEN REVISIONIST AND ORTHODOX HOLOCAUST SCHOLARS
* INITIATE THE PROCESS TO INTEGRATE REVISIONIST SCHOLARSHIP INTO HOLOCAUST STUDIES PROGRAMS
* INVOLVE ALL CHICAGO AREA MEDIA IN THE PROCESS
* INVOLVE ALL OTHER MAJOR COLLEGES IN THE CHICAGO AREA IN THE PROCESS
* INVOLVE NATIONAL AND LOCAL ANTI-CENSORSHIP ORGANIZATIONS IN OUR STRUGGLE ON OUR SIDE
* USE THE NORTHWESTERN PROJECT AS THE GUIDEPOST FOR SIMILAR PROJECTS IN OTHER CITIES

THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROJECT DEPENDS GREATLY ON HOW MUCH SUPPORT YOU THINK IT IS WORTHY OF. I need your financial support to:

* run inexpensive ads in campus newspapers, beginning with Northwestern
* subscribe to those periodicals that I can not get monitored on site
* to pay for typesetting, printing, postage, telephone bills, etc.
* to handle all the other incidental exigencies and research costs that arise

I believe the Northwestern project will be THE break-through campus project. I believe that we can produce open debate on the Holocaust at Northwestern for the first time on any campus in the U.S. I believe Revisionist speakers are going to address student audiences at Northwestern. I believe we can prepare the ground so that Dr. Arthur Butz will be offered his first public platform at Northwestern, after twelve years of the despicable bigotry that has kept him silent on the very campus where he teaches.

I believe so strongly in the Northwestern project that I am going to focus everything I do with media and the colleges on Northwestern. I'm not going to spread myself thin like I have in the past. I'm going to focus at this one point, relentlessly, with everything I have.

THE TIME IS RIGHT. Let's do this project. Give me your support. I'll keep you fully informed of everything that transpires. When the time is right, I'll go to Northwestern myself. I'll talk to everyone on campus. I will do everything I can to promote this project. I need your financial help. And if you life in the Chicago area or have contacts there and want to volunteer some time, that would be most valuable to me.

Best wishes,

Bradley R. Smith